

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled)

11. (New) A hand drying apparatus comprising:

a hand insertion chamber having, a hollow portion and an opening for inserting a wet hand in the hollow portion, the hollow portion being defined by a first inner surface and a second inner surface substantially opposing the first inner surface;

a first air opening arranged on the first inner surface and configured to blow a first air jet towards the second inner surface; and

a second air opening arranged on the second inner surface and configured to blow a second air jet toward the first inner surface,

wherein the first air opening is displaced towards an interior of the hollow portion with respect to the second air opening such that axes of the first air jet and the second air jet do not collide, and a portion of the first inner surface that receives the second air jet from the second air opening is inclined toward the interior of the hollow portion.

12. (New) The hand drying apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the portion of the first inner surface that receives the second air jet is concave.

13. (New) The hand drying apparatus according to claim 11, wherein a portion of the second inner surface that receives the first air jet from the first air opening is inclined toward the interior of the hollow portion.

14. (New) The hand drying apparatus according to claim 11, wherein a displacement between the axes of the first air jet axis and the second air jet axis is 5 mm to 30 mm.

15. (New) The hand drying apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the first air opening and the second air opening are oriented such that axes of the first air jet axis and the second air jet are any one of parallel and diverge from each other.

16. (New) The hand drying apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the first air opening includes an array of air outlets and the second air opening includes an array of air outlets.

17. (New) The hand drying apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the first air opening and the second air opening are integrated into one elongated slit as an air outlet.

18. (New) The hand drying apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the first air opening includes an array of air outlets, the second air opening includes an array of air outlets, and the first air opening and the second air opening are arranged in the shape of the letter v.

19. (New) The hand drying apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the first air opening includes a first elongated slit as an air outlet, the second air opening includes a second elongated slit as an air outlet, and the first elongated slit and the second elongated slit are arranged in the shape of the letter v, with a gap between two limbs of the letter.

20. (New) The hand drying apparatus according to claim 11, wherein among the first air opening and the second air opening, the one that faces the palms of the hand blows more amount of air.